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Minutes reporting for Wednesday, October 25 through Sunday, October 29, 2017

WEDNESDAY

10-25-2017¹

DUTY STEWARD

Steward Will Meyers was present to supervise entries and declarations.

THURSDAY

10-26-2017¹

CAL BRED REPORT

The Cal-bred race for three year olds and older, claiming \$4,000.00, six furlongs, failed to fill.

10-26-2017²

DECLARATIONS

7th Race: #11 Ragazza Di Vola (Trainer Steve Sherman)
 Also eligible-Stewards

REFUNDS

\$62.80

10-26-2017³

RULING #8-PEDRO TERRERO

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Terrero met with the Stewards regarding his tardiness in reporting to the paddock for the second race on October 22, 2017. The veteran rider explained he was in the restroom and did not hear the call for the riders.

#8

Jockey **PEDRO TERRERO** is hereby fined the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations) for reporting late to the paddock for the second race on Sunday October 22, 2017.

10-26-2017⁴**RULING #9-SILVIO AMADOR****#9**

Jockey **SILVIO AMADOR** is hereby fined the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)* for striking his mount on the head during the running of the first race on Sunday, October 22, 2017; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (b) (1) (Use of Riding Crop).

Jockey Silvio Amador met with the Stewards regarding his ride on Sought More Pep (Trainer Alex Paszkeicz) in the first race on October 22, 2017. Mr. Amador stated he was trying to get his mount's attention when he struck her twice on the ear. He was advised that striking his mount anywhere on the head is in violation of the rules.

10-26-2017⁵**CLEAR AFTERNOON**

The afternoon racing program was conducted without any noteworthy incidents.

10-26-2017⁶**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	692	\$157,041.00
NCOT	1048	\$376,188.50
SCOT		\$147,590.30
OUT OF STATE		\$542,138.96
TOTAL		\$1,222,958.70

FRIDAY10-27-2017¹**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-bred race for three year olds and older, claiming \$4000.00, one mile, failed to fill.

10-27-2017²**DECLARATIONS**

2nd Race: #2 Swiss Wager (Trainer Rene Amescua)

Sick-DVM Sporer

2nd Race: #3 Midnight Rambler (Trainer Jerry Hollendorfer)

Sick-Sporer

6th Race: #3 Askin' For Trouble (Trainer Blaine Wright)

Sick-DVM Sporer

6th Race: #5 Bronco Brown (Trainer Jose Bautista)

Main Track Only-Stewards

8th Race: #3 Fervent Femma (Trainer John Martin)

Full Field-Stewards

REFUNDS

See below

\$485.18

See below

\$244.43

\$191.34

10-27-2017³**FINANCIAL COMPLAINT CASE #17GG0144)**

The financial complaint filed against owner Mersad Metanovic by Trainer Jerry Hollendorfer has been dismissed as the Stewards were advised the debt (\$9,070.82) for training has been satisfied.

10-27-2017⁴**FORMAL HEARING-IRVING OROZCO (CASE #17GG0142)**

A formal hearing was held this morning for jockey Irving Orozco who has been charged with alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1489 (a) & (b) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License), #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation) and #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing).

Present for the hearing were Mr. Orozco, who waived his right to counsel, and the Board of Stewards (Meyers, Herbuveaux and Nevin). California Horse Racing Board Investigator Joe Mulligan presented the case and Certified Shorthand Reporter Christine Niccoli recorded the proceedings.

According to the complaint "on the above date (10-08-2017) The Big Fresno Fair Board of Stewards requested that Jockey Irving Daniel Orozco be randomly tested for any illegal drug use. A urine sample was voluntarily obtained at which time the results revealed that he tested positive for both Cocaine and Marijuana.

Testimonial and documentary evidence was submitted for the record and the hearing was closed.

10-27-2017⁵ **RULING #10-MILTON PINEDA (CASE #17GG0014)**

#10

Owner **MILTON PINEDA** having satisfied the outstanding financial obligation to San Francisco Equine, Inc. is hereby restored to good standing and Pacific Racing Association ruling #43 dated February 16, 2017 suspending **MILTON PINEDA** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) is set aside.

The above ruling was issued after the Stewards were notified in writing that Mr. Pineda has satisfied his debt (\$529.00) to Steven Boyer, D. V. M.

10-27-2017⁶ **RULING #11-OWNER/TRAINER DARLENE BRADEN (CASE #17GG0132)**
RULING #12-OWNER KELSEY R. SKINNER (CASE #17GG0135)

The foregoing rulings were issued after both Ms. Skinner and Ms. Braden requested and were granted a telephonic hearing. Ms. Skinner acknowledged administering the Phenylbutazone orally through a tube and believed she did so in a timely fashion on the morning the day prior to the race. Ms. Skinner did say she had treated another horse that morning in the same manner and perhaps residue in the tube caused the high reading. She went on to say she accepted responsibility for the violation. Ms. Braden, who authorized the administration accepted responsibility as the trainer of record.

#11

Owner/Trainer **DARLENE M. BRADEN**, who started the horse **KATSTHOUGHT**, second place finisher in the seventh race at the Humboldt County Fair (Ferndale) on August 27, 2017, is fined the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843 (a) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances: Phenylbutazone-in excess of permitted level 5.03 ug/ml, class IV).

#12

Owner **KELSEY R. SKINNER** who owned the horse **KATSTHOUGHT**, second place finisher in the seventh race at the Humboldt County Fair (Ferndale) on August 27, 2017, is fined the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843 (a) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances: Phenylbutazone-in excess of permitted level 5.03 ug/ml, class IV).

10-27-2017⁷ **INQUIRY-NO CHANGE-1ST RACE**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following the first race to review an incident near the 5/16 pole. #2 Ultra Code (Rocco Bowen) racing along the rail inside a four horse spread, steadied, dropped back and eventually finished last.

After consulting with the patrol judges, talking with the riders and reviewing all video angles, the Stewards decided unanimously to make no change in the original order of finish.

Video's failed to place the blame on any other horse and the original order of finish was made official.

10-27-2017⁸ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	751	\$207,828.80
NCOT	1310	\$467,670.70
SCOT		\$203,177.50
OUT OF STATE		\$770,028.24
TOTAL		\$1,648,705.20

SATURDAY

10-28-2017¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-bred race for three year olds and older, claiming \$7,000.00-\$8,000.00, one mile, failed to fill.

10-28-2017 ²	<u>DECLARATIONS:</u>	<u>REFUNDS</u>
	2nd Race: #1 Ourprincessmelanie (Trainer Manuel Badilla) Injured-DVM Sporer	\$252.37
	4th Race: #4 Tremmors Code (Trainer Jonathan Wong) Sick-DVM Sporer	\$226.63
	6th Race: #5 Endless Mile (Trainer Holly Evans) Broke through starting gate and ran off-Stewards	\$48,252.72
	7th Race: #5 Amers (Trainer Jonathan Wong) Stake-Stewards	\$141.46
	9th Race: #10 Grape Juice (Trainer Melanie McDonald) Sick-DVM Franklin	See Below
	9th Race: #11 Lirica Heat (Trainer Gerrard Piccioni) Full field-Stewards	<u>\$537.90</u>

10-28-2017³ **WINNER UNSOUND-1ST RACE**
The winner of the first race, #5 Seal Six (Trainer Rene Amescua) was deemed unsound by the Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer, DVM and given a ride home in the horse ambulance.

10-28-2017⁴ **ANOTHER UNSOUND WINNER-2ND RACE**
The winner of the second race, #5 Poison Art (Trainer Anthony Stabile) pulled up unsound and was dismounted by jockey Rocco Bowen. The Track Veterinarian, Sara Sporer, DVM, called for the horse ambulance and Poison Art was given a ride home.

10-28-2017 ⁵	<u>ATTENDANCE & HANDLE</u>	
	GGF 1256	\$431,700.60
	NCOT 1990	\$817,148.30
	SCOT	\$385,805.50
	OUT OF STATE	<u>\$1,066,482.31</u>
	TOTAL	\$2,701,136.70

SUNDAY

10-29-2017¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**
The Cal-bred race for three year olds and older, claiming \$5,000.00, five and one half furlongs, failed to fill.

10-29-2017 ²	<u>DECLARATIONS:</u>	<u>REFUNDS</u>
	4th Race: #5 Zakaroff (Trainer Steven Specht) Sick-DVM Sporer	\$220.50
	9th Race: #1 Oil (Trainer Kent Molinaro) Sick-DVM Sporer	See Below
	9th Race: #4 Blue Ridge Storm (Trainer Jose Puentes) Sick-DVM Sporer	See Below
	9th Race: #5 Skidoo (Trainer Sergio Ledezma) Sick-DVM Isbell	<u>\$407.64</u>

10-29-2017³ **TRACK VETERINARIAN-TRAINER MEETING (REFERENCE 10-28-2017³)**
Following the running of the first race yesterday (10-28-2017) the winner Seal Six (Trainer Rene Amescua) was observed leaving the Winner's Circle by Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer, who determined the six year old gelding was unsound in the left foreleg. The horse ambulance was summoned and Seal Six was given a ride home.

It later came to the Stewards attention that a somewhat heated discussion took place between Mr. Amescua and Dr. Sporer.

The Stewards met with the two today regarding their professionalism, or lack thereof. Also present was Golden Gate Fields Corporate Executive David Duggan.

Mr. Amescua stated he had no objection to Dr. Sporer's observation of Seal Six, or her calling for the horse ambulance. However, he did take exception to her demand that Mr. Amescua's groom turn the horse over to her aide while awaiting the ambulance.

Dr. Sporer concurred with Mr. Amescua's account, stating it was standard operating procedure for her aide to assist in loading an infirm horse. Both agreed the situation could and should have been handled in a more professional manner. The two respected licensees denied any use of foul language which was of major concern to the Stewards and Mr. Duggan and will not be tolerated.

10-29-2017⁴**CLAIMS VOIDED-8TH RACE**

Two claims submitted by trainer Jonathon Wong for different owners were voided following a report from the State Veterinarian Forrest Franklin, DVM.

Solomon Bay (Trainer Jack Steiner) was unsound in the left foreleg and returned to the Steiner barn. Pepper Crown (Trainer Ed Moger) was off in the right foreleg and went back to the Moger barn.

10-29-2017⁵**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	2594	\$468,090.00
NCOT	1728	\$698,021.00
SCOT		\$411,348.40
OUT OF STATE		\$1,292,061.18
TOTAL		\$2,869,520.50

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

DATE	RACE	NO	HORSE	TRAINER	REASON	REFUND
10-26-2017	7	11	Ragazza Di Vola	Sherman	Stews	\$62.80
10-27-2017	2	2	Swiss Wager	Amescua	Sporer	See Below
10-27-2017	2	3	Midnight Rambler	Hollendorfer	Sporer	\$485.18
10-27-2017	6	3	Askin' For Trouble	Wright	Sporer	See Below
10-27-2017	6	5	Bronco Brown	Bautista	Sporer	\$244.43
10-27-2017	8	3	Fervent Femma	Martin	Stews	\$191.34
10-28-2017	2	1	Ourprincessmelanie	Badilla	Sporer	\$252.37
10-28-2017	4	4	Tremmors Code	Wong	Sporer	\$226.63
10-28-2017	6	5	Endless Mile	Evans	Stews	\$48,252.72
10-28-2017	7	5	Amers	Wong	Stews	\$141.46
10-28-2017	9	10	Grape Juice	McDonald	Franklin	See Below
10-28-2017	9	11	lirica Heat	Piccioni	Stews	\$537.90
10-29-2017	4	5	Zakaroff	Specht	Sporer	\$220.50
10-29-2017	9	1	Oil	Molinaro	Sporer	See Below
10-29-2017	9	4	Blue Ridge Storm	Puentes	Sporer	See Below
10-29-2017	9	5	Skidoo	Ledezma	Isbell	\$407.64

VETERINARY REPORT**Veterinarian's List-0**

There were sixteen (16) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick:	9	Injured:	1
Unsound:	3	Shockwave:	3

There were twenty-five (25) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick:	15	Injured:	3
Unsound:	6	Bled:	1

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	0	0
Bankers Casino	0	0
Ferndale	0	0
Fresno	189	\$69,124.70
Fresno Club One	54	\$63,793.30
Monterey	171	\$199,435.70
Pleasanton	798	\$378,336.30
Sacramento	667	\$288,306.10
San Jose	1274	\$283,654.80
San Mateo	1530	\$733,225.00
Santa Rosa	377	\$112,647.40
Stockton	521	\$202,936.30
Tulare	0	0
Turlock	0	0
Vallejo	425	\$158,088.30
So. California	0	\$1,147,921.70
Out of State	0	\$3,670,710.50

	10/26	10/27	10/28	10/29	Total	Meet	
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0	1	
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	0	
CLAIMS	0	3	1	2	6	20	
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	2	
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	1	0	0	1	3	
REFUNDS	1	5	6	4	16	25	
RULINGS	2	3	0	0	5	15	
CLAIMS VOIDED	0	0	0	1	1	2	

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Nevin, Steward

John Herbuveaux, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward